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NHTSA RE DOCKET #98-1124¹¹ NOTICE #1

YOUR PHASE IN OF DIMMER DRL'S IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BUT FALLS FAR SHORT OF THE GOAL OF RETROFITTING TO ALL CARS MANUFACTURED WITH THEM SO FAR.

I AM STILL BAFLED BY THE FACT THAT WITH THE GENERAL POPULATION GETTING OLDER, AND WITH THE OLDER POPULATION HAVING EYES THAT ARE EASILY DAZZLED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS, THAT GENERAL MOTORS HAS SEEN FIT TO AGGRAVATE THE VERY PEOPLE THEY WANT TO SELL CARS TO. DOESN'T MAKE A WHIT OF SENSE.

NEITHER DOES THE SYLVANIA BULBS THAT FORD HAS SEEN FIT TO EQUIP THEIR VEHICLES WITH SINCE THE MID 80'S, THE BULBS DO NOT HAVE A SHIELD AS DO THE EUROPEAN ONES ON THE LOW BEAM FILAMENT, THEY BLIND ONCOMING DRIVERS AND IN A FOG, THEY JUST THROW A WHITE SHEET UP IN FRONT OF YOUR HEAD. (TO SAVE A FEW PENNIES I WOULD GUESS)

THEN THERE ARE THE MOTORCYCLISTS WHO RIDE WITH HIGH BEAMS ON DURING THE DAY (AND NIGHT) AND REFUSE TO DIM THEM.

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I VOICE THIS OPINION AS ONE WHO STARTED WITH A "WHIZZER" MOTORIZED BICYCLE IN 1951 AND HAVE 2 MOTORCYCLES LICENCED FOR THE ROAD AT PRESENT.

THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR THE OFFENDING HEADLIGHT/REL PROBLEM IF THE NHSTA CANT/WONT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT IS TO MOUNT TWIN 50'S ON MY ROOF, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT MIGHT BE PROXIED UPON IN CERTAIN CIRCLES.

UNFORTUNATELY I'M A 62 YEAR OLD WITH 85 YEAR OLD EYES, AND IT DOES GET TO ME.

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR READING THIS DIATRIBE

YOURS Sincerely

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